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**Honorable Cornelius E. Gallagher
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.**

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

This is in reply to your letter of May 12, 1965, requesting information concerning psychological testing by the Department of Defense.

The Department endorses the use of psychological tests under certain conditions as one technique to assist in the selection of personnel for positions which require an unusually high degree of personal reliability. We endorse only those tests which have been widely accepted by distinguished psychologists and psychiatrists. We approve their use only when they are interpreted by properly accredited personnel and the results are safeguarded as privileged information. Further, such tests when used are only an aid to properly accredited personnel and are not used alone to formulate a judgment.

We are inclosing the information you seek with respect to the use of psychological instruments in each component of the Department except the National Security Agency. The National Security Agency has a statutory personnel security standard for employment. This Agency uses psychological tests under the conditions described above as one aid in the selection of personnel for its sensitive positions. Data concerning the cost and number of tests is classified. Further, due to the unique sensitivity of its operations, the Agency is exempted by statute from disclosing information regarding its activities and functions. We shall, however, be glad to discuss these matters fully with you and your committee in executive session.

Sincerely yours,